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**Re: U.S. Application Serial No.: 09/267,176 of Michael C. BURKE et al.
entitled "METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR A UTILITY
PROCESSING SYSTEM"; filed: March 12, 1999
Our Docket No.: 010807/00014**

Honorable Commissioner:


Enclosed please find the following:

1. Amendment/Response to the Official Action dated October 6, 2006 (10 pages total).
2. Our post card. Please date stamp and return.

In the event that Applicant has overlooked the need for any petition for an extension of time to file the enclosed papers, petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s).

No additional claims fee is believed to be required. Please charge any unanticipated fees, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No.: 50-1479 (a duplicate copy of this charge authorization is attached).

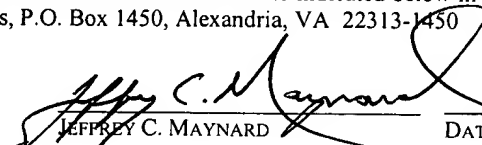
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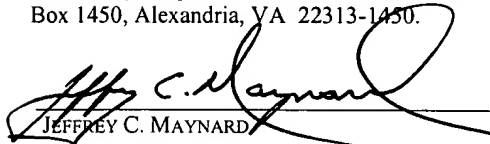
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Honorable Commissioner:

This amendment is being timely submitted in response to the Examiner's official action mailed 10/06/2006. Please consider the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 11, 13, 14, 18, 44, and 52, as noted on the pages that follow.

Entry of the amendments and consideration of the Remarks that follow is respectfully requested.